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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT JOB CORPS TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a State Jobs
2 Corps Task Force to study the means by which the state may, under
3 federal and state law, utilize individuals eligible to receive benefits
4 pursuant to chapter 567 of the general statutes for civic improvements
5 and community service while still encouraging such individuals to
6 seek employment. Such study shall examine the potential impact the
7 service of such individuals can have on the state, the ability of the state
8 to compel such individuals to provide service under state and federal
9 law, and the best way for the state to utilize this service.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) Three members appointed by the speaker of the House of
12 Representatives, one of whom shall be mayor or first selectman of a
13 Connecticut municipality with a population greater than or equal to
14 seventy-five thousand residents;

15 (2) Three members appointed by the president pro tempore of the
16 Senate, one of whom shall represent organized labor;

17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
18 Representatives who shall represent organized labor;

19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall
20 represent organized labor;

21 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
22 Representatives who shall be a mayor or first selectman of a
23 Connecticut municipality with a population less than or equal to
24 seventy-five thousand residents;

25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be
26 a mayor or first selectman of a Connecticut municipality with a
27 population less than or equal to twenty-thousand residents;

28 (7) Two persons appointed by the Governor; and

29 (8) The Commissioner of the Department of Economic and
30 Community Development and the Labor Commissioner, or the
31 commissioners' designees, who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting
32 members.

33 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
34 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
35 filled by the appointing authority.

36 (d) The Governor shall select the chairperson of the task force from
37 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
38 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than
39 sixty days after the effective date of this section.

40 (e) Said task force may seek the advice and participation of any
41 person, organization or state or federal agency it deems necessary to
42 carry out the provisions of this section.

43 (f) Not later than January 1, 2011, the task force shall submit a report
44 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
45 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
46 and public employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
47 4a of the general statutes. Such report shall consist of methods to: (1)
48 Encourage individuals receiving benefits pursuant to chapter 567 of
49 the general statutes to make civic improvements and community
50 service contributions during the period the individual receives such
51 benefits, and (2) use the expertise of state employees to provide
52 assistance to individuals receiving benefits pursuant to chapter 567 of
53 the general statutes to find employment positions.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To encourage unemployed individuals to make contributions to the community during periods of unemployment.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]